

the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or starting costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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Director, Office of Information Systems.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces that the following information collection activity has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. USIA is requesting approval for a revision and three-year extension of an information collection entitled "Application for Certificate of International Educational Character", IAP-17, under OMB control number 3116-0007 which expires July 31, 1999. Also, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, USIA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this public use form.

Comments are requested on the information collection concerning (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the United States Information Agency, M/AOL, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 10202, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for USIA.

DATES: Comments are due on or before June 23, 1999.

COPIES: Copies of the Request for Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that have been submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the USIA Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Agency Clearance Officer, Ms. Jeannette Giovetti, United States Information Agency, M/AOL, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone (202) 619-4408, internet address JGiovett@USIA.GOV; and OMB review: Mr. Jefferson Hill, Office of Information And Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket Library, Room 1002, NEOB, Washington, D.C. 20503, Telephone (202) 395-5871.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection activity involved with the program is conducted pursuant to the mandate given to the United States Information Agency under the terms and conditions of the multilateral "Agreement for Facilitating the International Circulation of Visual and Auditory Materials of an Educational, Scientific and Cultural Character", Public Law 89-634 and the "World-Wide Free Flow Export-Import of Audio-Visual Materials", 22 CFR, Part 502.

An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 5, 1999, volume 64, number 64.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information (Paper Work Reduction Project: OMB No. 3116-0007) is estimated to average 25 minutes per response including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Respondents are required to respond on an as needed basis.

Current Actions

This information collection has been submitted to OMB for approval of a revision to the burden hours and renewal for a three-year period. The adjustment in the number of annual hours is due a decrease in the number of organizations/individuals submitting applications (number of respondents) for certification.

Title: "Application for Certificate of International Educational Character".

Form Numbers: IAP-17.

Abstract: This information collection is used to certify the international character of visual and auditory materials (motion pictures, videotapes, recordings, sound recordings, filmstrips, slides, maps, charts, posters, models, etc.) for producers and distributors who have an interest in exporting their materials abroad in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 89-634 and CFR part 502.

Proposed Frequency of Responses:

No. of Respondents—400
Recordkeeping Hours—.41
Total Annual Burden—182

Dated: May 19, 1999.

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Federal Register Liaison.

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